

IN THE DRAWINGS

A complete set of Replacement sheet drawings are submitted herewith, along with an Annotated Sheet showing the changes made to Fig 4B in the Response to the Official Action of 25 January 2006, that was submitted to the office on 15 May 2006.

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner alleged that the Response to the Official Action was not compliant because the drawings *sheets* were not properly numbered.

In a conversation with Examiner Smith, the Applicant's attorney was told that the drawing sheets must be numbered. Additionally, Examiner Smith stated that an entire new copy of the Official Action that was previously submitted needed to be submitted again.

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Smith for the courtesies extended by her to the Examiner's attorney in their telephone conversation.

With this Response, the Applicant has submitted an entire new set of drawings to replace the former drawings. Each of these drawings is labeled as a "Replacement Sheet" in keeping with required Office practice. Each of these sheets is also sequentially numbered.

Although a marked-up version was submitted with the Official Action, a new "annotated sheet" that shows the changes made in red is enclosed with this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Additionally, as requested by the Examiner, an entire new Official Action is being submitted herewith. The entire new Official Action is a copy of the Official Action that was previously submitted on 15 May 2006 by Express Mail filing, but which is labeled as being received by the U.S. Patent Office on 19 May 2006.

The Examiner is asked to ignore the "Express Mail filing receipt" date set forth on the Amendment copy enclosed herewith, as the date set thereon (15 May 2006) reflects the date on which the Response to the Official Action was mailed the first time, and does not reflect this re-mailing of the Amendment. However, the mailing date set forth on the Express Mail mailing certificate of this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment does reflect the mailing date of this Response, and the photocopy of the re-submitted Response to the Official Action.

With these submissions, the Applicants believe that the Response is now fully compliant with all of the current rules of practice.


Further, Applicants believe that the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration, culminating in the allowance of all claims, in due course, is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to this Amendment, or would like to discuss any issues about this case with the Applicants' Attorney, she is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' Attorney, E. Victor Indiano, at (317) 822-0033, or via e-mail at Vic@IPLawIndiana.com.

VII. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If necessary, Applicants request that this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond any submitted with this Response, be charged to the account of **E. Victor Indiano, Deposit Account Number 50-1590**.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enc: (1) Marked up copy of Fig 4B labeled as an "Annotated Sheet"
(2) Full set of Replacement drawings, each of which is labeled as a "Replacement Sheet" ; and
(3) A complete copy of the Amendment to the Official Action of 25 January 2006, which was previously filed on 15 May 2006.

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ANNOTATED Sheet
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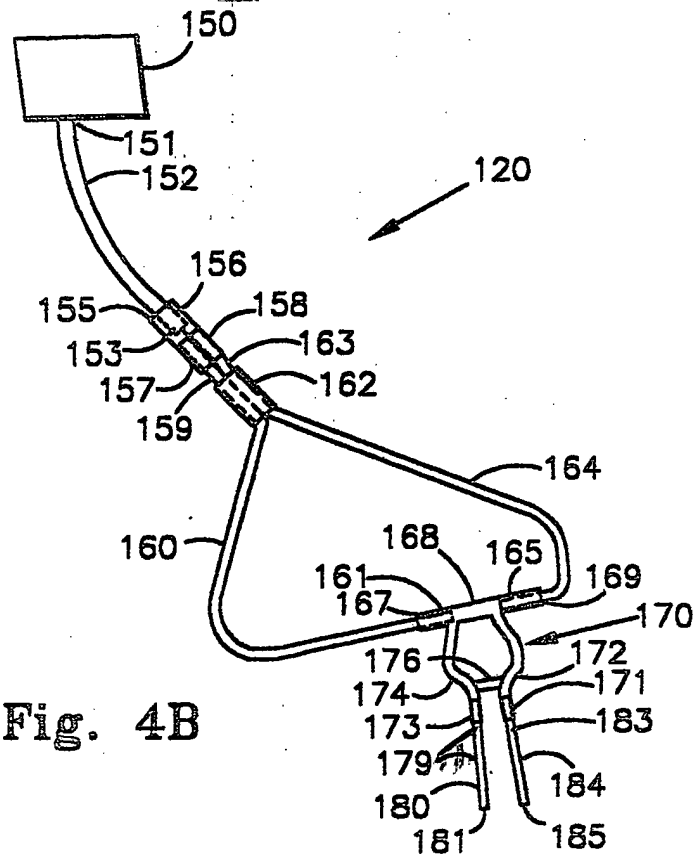


Fig. 4B

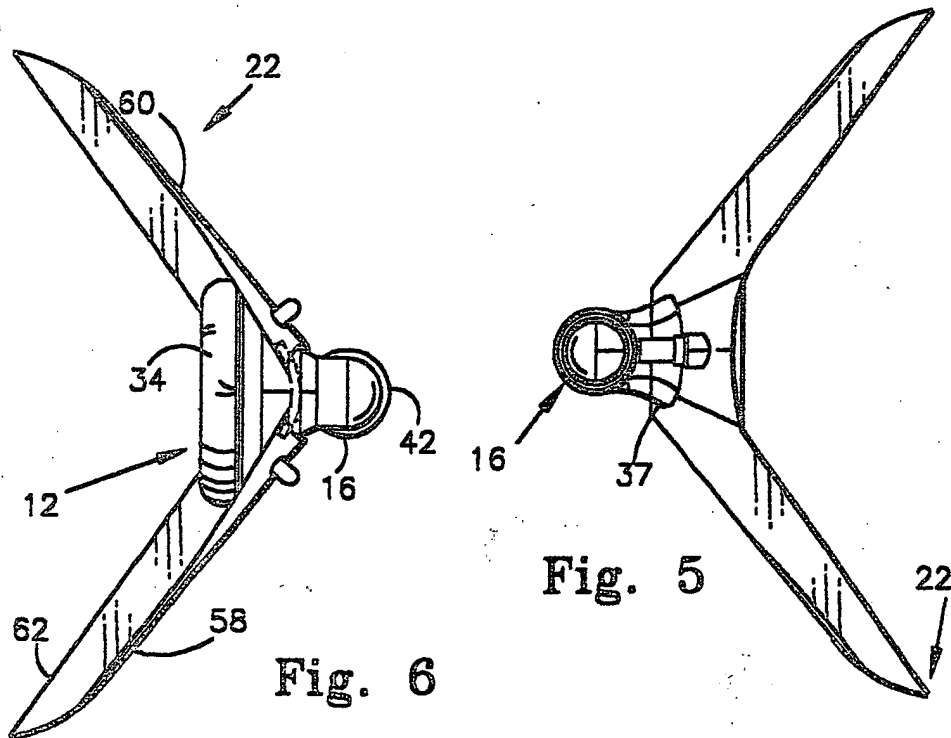


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